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REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 21, 24 and 32. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10, 12-21, 23-26 and 28-31 are presently pending in the application.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Jack Chen for his thorough search and review of the prior-art, his careful consideration and examination of the present application and claims, and his indication that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10, 12-20, 27 and 32 contain allowable subject matter. In particular, the Examiner stated that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10 and 12-20 are allowed and that claims 27 and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

The Office Action objected to Applicant's Amendment of February 7, 2006 under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) for allegedly introducing new matter into the disclosure of the current application. Specifically, in claim 21, the phrase "the developable anti-reflective coating comprising a component other than photoresist" was alleged not to be supported by the original specification. The Office Action further rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for similar reasons. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection and rejection, but has cancelled the subject phrase in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

The Office Action rejected claims 21, 23, 26 and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Otsuki (U.S. Patent No.6,436,772), and rejected claims 21, 23-26 and 28-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,689,663). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections but has amended the subject claims in order to expedite the prosecution of the subject application.

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More particularly, independent claim 21 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of objected-to claim 27, and objected-to claim 32 has been amended into independent form to include the limitations of independent claim 21 from which claim 32 depended.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions

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